

## Weekly Field Memo – June 4, 2014

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### NEWS & UPDATES:

#### Spotlight on Agency Contact Info: Student Health & Learning

##### Audience: All

The Student Health & Learning team can be reached as follows:

- Kate O'Neill, Tobacco Use Prevention Coordinator, at 802-479-1437 or [kathryn.oneill@state.vt.us](mailto:kathryn.oneill@state.vt.us)
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- Tom Aloisi, Sexual Health Coordinator, at 802-479-1869 or [tom.aloisi@state.vt.us](mailto:tom.aloisi@state.vt.us)
- Lindsay Simpson, Physical Education Coordinator, at 802-479-1476 or [lindsay.simpson@state.vt.us](mailto:lindsay.simpson@state.vt.us)
- <http://education.vermont.gov/health-education> (web)
- 219 North Main Street | Suite 402 | Barre, VT 05641 (physical and mailing address)

The Agency's website lists our contact information: <http://education.vermont.gov/contact>

#### Technical Corrections to the Career and Technical Education Endorsement

##### Audience: Superintendents, Career and Technical Education Directors, Educators

At its May meeting, the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators (VSBPE) adopted technical corrections to the Career and Technical Education (CTE) endorsement. These corrections address inconsistencies in requirements for educators seeking the endorsement and areas that were in need of clarification. You can [review a memo detailing the revisions here](#).

**Contact:** Send questions regarding the revisions to the AOE Licensing Office at 802-479-1700

#### Vermont Munch Times

##### Audience: All

The May 29, 2014 issue is now online: [http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-VT\\_Munch\\_Times\\_2014\\_05\\_29.pdf](http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-VT_Munch_Times_2014_05_29.pdf). Topics include food safety plans, community eligibility, Save the Date: Summer Institute, VT Higher Education Collaborative: Nutrition & Food Education Course, Webinar: Finding, Buying & Serving Local Foods, and HUSSC awards. View past issues here: <http://bit.ly/19mOFA6>.

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#### AOE Communication

##### Audience: All

Our press releases, field memos, calendar of events, and more are online: <http://bit.ly/11ajrtH>. View our strategic plan here: <http://bit.ly/1cZbMBP>. Connect with the AOE on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#).  
**Contact:** Angela Ross, Public Information Officer, 802-479-1240 or [angela.ross@state.vt.us](mailto:angela.ross@state.vt.us)

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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

### Reminder: Seeking Nominations for the Vermont Educator Talent Pool

**Audience:** All

**Deadline:** June 30, 2014

Do you know a relatively new educator who exemplifies our State's and the Nation's best? Whose lessons provide models for others? Who has distinguished him/herself, and is exceedingly innovative and skilled at inspiring students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn? [Click here](#) to fill out the nomination form. Learn more about the talent pool here: <http://bit.ly/1mZCakW>.

**Contact:** Angela Ross, Public Information Officer, 802-479-1240 or [angela.ross@state.vt.us](mailto:angela.ross@state.vt.us)

### 2014-15 Leadership and Curriculum Director Series Announced by Vermont PLN

**Audience:** School Leaders, Curriculum Directors, Educators

The Vermont Professional Learning Network has announced two yearlong series for educators. The Leadership Implementation Teams' series will support the work of school leaders as they implement the Common Core, while the Vermont Curriculum Directors' sessions will build upon previously completed series. More information is available on the Vermont PLN website: <http://www.vermontpln.org/>.

**Contact:** Casey Murrow, VermontPLN, 802-257-8600 or [casey.murrow@vermontpln.org](mailto:casey.murrow@vermontpln.org)

### VE<sup>2</sup> Updates

**Audience:** All Vermont Educators

Need a way to collaborate with colleagues at your school or around the state? VE<sup>2</sup> is Vermont's online collaboration tool for educators. Create, share, and edit assessments, lesson plans, or professional development resources! Or, create a working group around a pertinent topic that has discussion threads, resource repositories, and common calendars. Learn more here: <http://education.vermont.gov/ve2>.

**Contact:** Sigrid Olson, Tech Integration, 802-371-8028 or [sigrid.olson@state.vt.us](mailto:sigrid.olson@state.vt.us)

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## CONFERENCES:

### VITA-Learn Seeks Presenters and Presentations for Vermont Fest 2014

**Audience:** Teachers, Principals, Tech Coordinators, Tech Integrationists, Parents

VITA-Learn is looking for presenters and presentations for Vermont Fest 2014: Creating Learning in Agile Schools. Vermont Fest is the State's premier education technology conference, and takes place November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> at the Killington Grand Resort, with pre-conference session on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Submit a proposal: <http://sites.google.com/a/vita-learn.org/vt-fest-2014-rfp/>

**Contact:** Peter Drescher, Education Tech Coordinator, 802-479-1169 or [peter.drescher@state.vt.us](mailto:peter.drescher@state.vt.us)

### Maker & S.T.E.A.M. Education Symposium

**Audience:** All

**Deadline:** June 6

On Friday June 20th from 9:00AM - 3:30PM there will be a gathering of educators, artists, makers, and organizations working together and discussing Maker and STEAM education, with the goal of developing critical thinking, problem solving, creativity and innovation in students. This event will be at Big Picture South Burlington, at South Burlington HS, and lunch will be provided. Please register at: <http://goo.gl/rzoDM9>.

**Contact:** Greg Young, Big Picture Consultant, [greg@bigpicturelearning.org](mailto:greg@bigpicturelearning.org)

### **Access for Success: Academic Instruction and Assessment for Students with Significant Disabilities**

**Audience:** General Educators, Special Educators, Administrators, Parents, Related Service Providers

**Deadline: June 30, 2014**

This free, three-day conference (August 18-20, 2014) will provide educators with information and resources related to instruction and assessment of students with significant cognitive disabilities. Focused on the standards-based learning targets and curriculum-connected instruction, participants will add to their toolbox of interventions and materials that support these goals. Learn more here:

<http://goo.gl/DjIX7d>. Register here: <http://goo.gl/EPHsuL>.

**Contact:** Cindy Moran, Alternate Assessment Coordinator, 802-479-1432 or [cindy.moran@state.vt.us](mailto:cindy.moran@state.vt.us).

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## **STANDARDS & ASSESSMENTS:**



### **Common Core State Standards (CCSS): Resources on the Agency's Website**

**Audience: All**

Check out our Common Core website; resources are added on a weekly basis: <http://bit.ly/1m9D7b4>.

[Click here](#) to learn more about CCSS ELA and [click here](#) to learn more about CCSS Mathematics.

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### **Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS): FAQ**

**Audience: All**

Why new science standards? Why now? [Click here to see the answer](#). [Click here](#) to access the science standards.

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### **Early Education Webinars: Play, Exploration, and Talk Pave the Way to the Common Core State Standards**

**Audience: Early Educators**

What is the relationship between the Common Core State Standards and early childhood programs? Manuela Fonseca and Pat Fitzsimmons recently completed a two-part series to address this question. View recordings of webinar part one <http://tinyurl.com/pggs23o> and part two <http://tinyurl.com/lpf7a22>.

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## OTHER EDUCATION NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS:

### Free Textile Recycling Webinar June 19th

**Audience:** School Administrators

Why does collecting textiles makes sense? This webinar will highlight non-profits collecting textiles in Vermont and provide a place to discuss increasing textile collection. Register for the webinar:

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/785030649>.

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